

From: [Cynthia Fanning](#)
To: [Anne Foster](#)
Subject: Can you help?
Date: 09/11/2012 10:30 AM

Anne -

I'm not sure if Jessica is in the office. I asked this question yesterday and haven't heard back. Can you help?

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From: Cynthia Fanning/R6/USEPA/US
To: Jessica Hernandez/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/10/2012 09:24 AM
Subject: Re: Monthly San Jac update, please!

Are you sure? This writeup mentions a meeting in August and ongoing review of the cap damaged by the storm in July. Have both occurred?

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▼ Jessica Hernandez---09/04/2012 11:51:19 PM--- Enforcement update is the same. Thanks!

From: Jessica Hernandez/R6/USEPA/US
To: Cynthia Fanning/R6/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/04/2012 11:51 PM
Subject: Re: Monthly San Jac update, please!

Enforcement update is the same. Thanks!

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Subject: Monthly San Jac update, please!
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Please send me your San Jacinto River Waste Pits site update
for elected officials by COB tomorrow, Sept. 5. Below is last
month's update. Thanks again for your assistance!

I. Community Outreach

EPA in cooperation with Harris County and the Texas Commission
on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) facilitated a Community Awareness
Committee meeting on July 25, 2012, at the Harris County
Pollution Control Offices. State, county and local agencies
were briefed on a recent incident involving the integrity of the
cap which contains site contaminants. Participants were also
updated on progress of the Remedial Investigation and
Feasibility Study. The TAG recipient also reported out on
recent activities.

II. Source Stabilization

On July 23, 2012, the EPA received a notification letter from
the respondents referencing a "reduction in the stone cover
thickness" along the western edge of the armor cap. On July 24,
EPA conducted a site inspection of the western cap area and
documented several concerns that will require further
investigation. EPA sent a letter to the respondents on July 31,
notifying them to take immediate action to repair the damaged
area of the cap and conduct a reassessment of the overall design
and construction of the armor cap. On August 1, the respondents
mobilized to the site to begin repair of the western cap. The
cap repair is estimated to be completed within two to three
business days. In response to concerns about the armor cap, the
EPA will work with technical experts from the U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers to reevaluate the overall cap design and construction
process.

III. Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

Analysis and validation of the Southern Impoundment soil,
sediment, and groundwater samples is continuing with results
expected in August. The Respondents are preparing a revised
Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment in response to comments
provided from the regulatory agencies. A revised Fate and
Transport Model Study report has been received and is currently
undergoing reviews by the regulatory agencies. A draft consent
order to include the sampling plan for the River Fleet property
located northwest of the waste pits is being prepared. The cap
porewater samplers were pulled in July for analysis with the
results expected in September.

IV. Watershed Management

EPA continues to coordinate with the Port of Houston Authority,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Galveston District and the TCEQ.
TCEQ envisions completing the total maximum daily load for
Buffalo Bayou with regard to dioxin/furan by the end of 2012 and
will put together a monitoring and implementation plan to reduce

levels in Buffalo Bayou to within national background levels.

V. Enforcement

The potentially responsible party group continues to conduct the RI/FS under the Unilateral Administrative Order. Respondents continue to work towards resolving the outstanding issue of stipulated penalties resulting from prior noncompliance with the order. In August 2012 Respondents plan to attend a meeting at EPA Region 6 in Dallas to discuss this and related issues. A storm event that occurred near the Site in late July caused considerable damage to the western portion of the armor cap. As a result, EPA is working with Respondents to evaluate the necessary repairs and will be conducting a third party review of the overall effectiveness of the cap design and quality of construction.

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